

The Voynich Manuscript

MS 408
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In 1912, the rare book dealer Wilfrid Voynich discovered what is now known as the Voynich Manuscript in a Jesuit library at the Villa Mondragone near Rome. Since then, historians have traced its history all the way back to the court of the Holy Roman Emperor Rudolph II at Prague circa 1600-1610 – but no further. Its vellum has now been dated at 1404 to 1438 with 95% certainty, but its author, origin, purpose, contents, and provenance before 1600 all remain resolutely unknown. Not a single word of it has yet been successfully deciphered.

Much more information about the VMs is available at these sites:

<http://www.voynich.nu/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voynich_manuscript

Since 1969 Yale University has owned the VMs and held it at its Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library as MS 408. These images of the VMs were converted from MrSID files on the Beinecke Library's server:

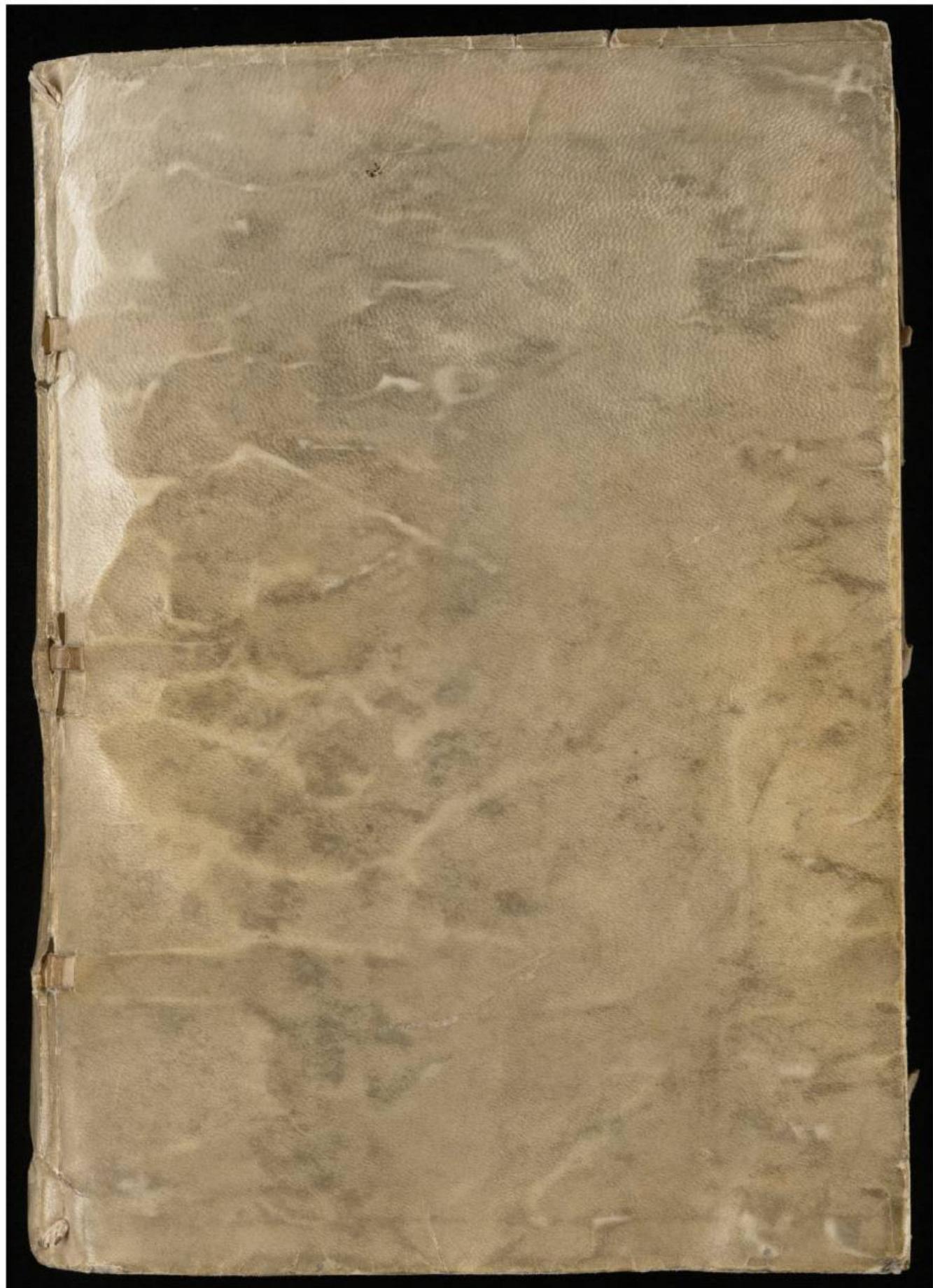
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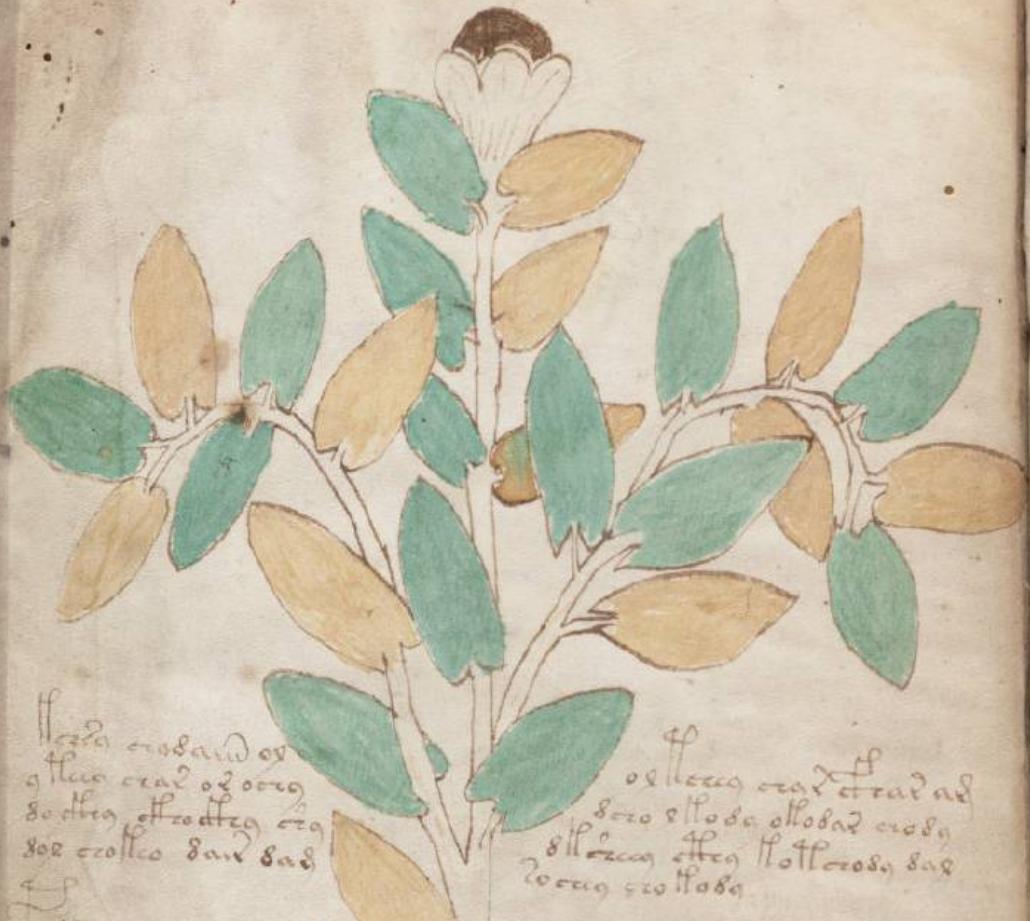
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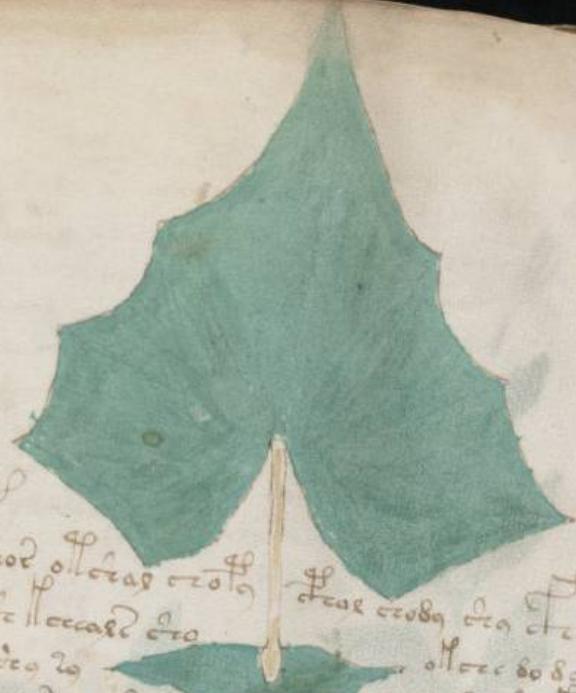


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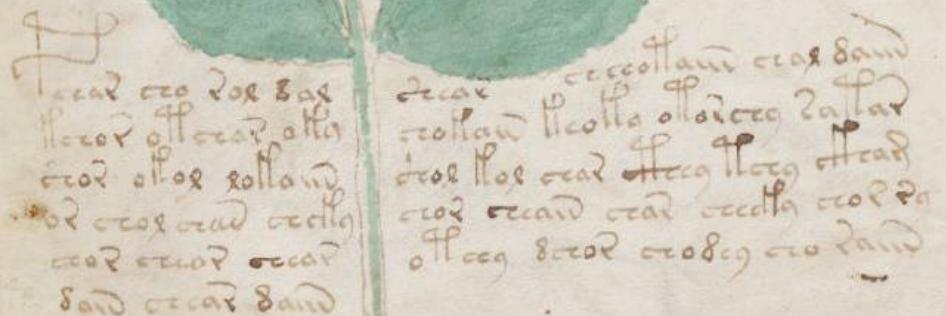
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